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In re Patent Application of:

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For: A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
HAVING CHANNEL FORMATION
REGION COMPRISING SILICON
AND CONTAINING GROUP IV
ELEMENT

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) Examiner: W. Coleman

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AFTER FINAL RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed May 26, 2004, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicants note with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on December 1, 2000, January 31, 2001, September 10, 2001, October 15, 2001, February 14, 2002, February 25, 2002, May 1, 2002, November 25, 2002, August 25, 2003, September 10, 2003, and March 10, 2004.

Claims 2-23 are pending in the present application, of which claims 2-7 are independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Paragraph 4 of the Official Action rejects claims 2-7 and 12-23 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,160,279 to

Zhang. In response to this rejection, a *Terminal Disclaimer* is submitted herewith. Upon filing of this *Terminal Disclaimer*, the claims of the present invention are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejections are requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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